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REMARKS

This application was examined with claims 1 through 28. Claims 23 through 28 are allowed. Claims 1 through 6, 8 through 10 and 19 through 22 are rejected. Claims 7 and 11 through 18 are objected to. Claims 1, 8, 9, 15 through 17 and 19 are amended. Claims 2 through 7, 10 and 11 are canceled. Claims 1, 8, 9, and 12 through 28 remain in the application.

Applicant requests reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified application in view of the amendments made to the specification and claims. The following remarks state Applicant's bases for making this request and are organized according to the Examiner's Action by paragraph number.

The Examiner rejects claims 1 through 6, 8 through 10 and 19 through 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 5,696,646 to Satoh and U. S. Patent No. 5,111,444 to Fukushima et al. The Examiner also indicates that claims 23 through 28 are allowable over prior art and that claims 7 and 11 through 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have rewritten the claims to incorporate the suggestions of Paragraph 6 of the Examiner's Action. Therefore Applicants are omitting any detailed response with respect to the rejections as set forth in Paragraph 1 through 4 of the Examiner's Action.

More specifically, claim 7 depends from claim 6 that in turn depends from claim 1. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate

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the methodology of claims 6 and 7. Claim 8 is amended to depend from claim 1 and therefore should also be allowable.

Claim 9 is amended by including the methodology set forth in claims 10 and 11.

Claims 15 through 17 and 19 are amended to clarify the claimed methods.

Applicants believe that with these changes claims 1, 8, 9 and 12 through 28 should be allowable.

If there are any questions, we urge the Examiner to call us collect. Please charge any costs in connection with this document to our Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully Submitted,



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